what happened to the remaining cases and

(e) whether there is any provision for appeal against conviction under Rule 30-A?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Rule 25 of the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules, 1978 prescribes the procedure for imposition of major penalties. Rule 30-A of the said rules lays down special procedure in respect of certain categories of cases. Guidelines for invoking the provisions of Rule 30-A are provided in the rule itself.

(c) and (d) In all, there have been 36 cases of un-authorised absence in the Marketing Division of IDPL during the period. Out of the 36 cases, 8 cases were processed under Rule 30-A. Of the remaining 28 cases, 15 cases were closed either on account of the employees reporting back for duty, opting for voluntary retirement, resignation or death. Four cases are under preliminary stages of processing. In respect of the rest 9 cases, charge-sheets were issued under Rule 25.

(e) No, Sir.

Dunkel Proposals on Patent Drugs

2284. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Arthur Dunkel's proposals on patented drugs and pesticides are going to hit our local industries adversely; if so the details thereof, if not the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that drugs are the cheapest in the world today and after the approval of Dunkel's proposal they would be extremely costly;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the past late Smt. Indira Gandhi and Shri Rajiv Gandhi opposed similar proposals akin to Dunkel; and

(d) what is the response of Government to Dunkel's proposals on drugs and pesticides:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The Dunkel proposals are still in the process of being examined and Government stand in respect of these proposals has not yet been finalised.

Closing of Cases on Drugs issues

2285. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstrred Question 3098 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the details of the case which has been finally closed;

(b) what were the main allegations made in this case and who investigated these allegations;

(c) what are the names of other officers listed in these complaints and what are the allegations against each;

(d) who is examining the allegations made against them and since when these complaints are being examined;

(e) what is the present status of such examination;

(f) whether Government are competent to call for the clarifications from the officers involved in the alleged corruption; and

(g) what are the reasons for not referring such cases to Central Vigilance Commission for investigation and

by when their cases would be referred to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The complaint in the closed case was a general one, personal between the complainant and one of the officers of this Department. It would not be in public interest to give the details of the case.

(c) to (g) A decision is yet to be taken in the other cases.

Import of Carbamezapine

2286. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3097 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the price at which Carbamezapine is being imported by M|s. Hindustan Ciba Geigy;

(b) whether it is a fact that others are importing the same drug at less than half the price;

(c) what are the names of the five other major formulations and what is the price at which each is importing;

(d) whether it is a fact that instead of rectifying the situation the consumer is made to pay double the price of the formulations; and

(e) whether it is a fact that price control on the formulations is being used to protect over invoicing of M|s Hindustan Ciba Geigy and for giving unintended benefit to others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) To the extent information is available, there are 4 known formulators of the bulk drug Carabmezapine namely M/s. Litica, M/s. S. G. Pharmaceuticals, M/s. Sun Pharma and M|s Torrent. Imports by individual companies are not monitored by this Department.

(d) and (e) Normally DGHS weighted average import price is adopted for the fixation of the prices of formulations based on imported bulk drugs. However, in case of syrup and tablets based on Carbamezapine different prices of the imported drug have been taken, in view of the technical reason given by the party which was considered and found to be reasonable.

Reviving Central Public Sector Pharmaceutical Units

2287. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made to revive three Calcutta based Central Public Sector Pharmaceutical units before referring them to BIFR;

(b) if so, the unit-wise details of the efforts made therein; and

(c) whether there is any fresh proposal to revive those units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) There are three public sector pharmaceutical units at Calcutta, namely, Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Bengal Immunity Ltd. and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. All these three companies have been incurring heavy cash losses over the years. The Rehabilitation plans prepared in consultation with the Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) in respect of Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., and Bengal Immunity Ltd. indicate that it would require sizeable injection of plan and non-plan funds besides writing-off of the Government loans and interest and accumulated losses. The rehabilitation plan in respect of Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd., which is yet to be finalised, would also involve substantial investment besides writing-off of the accu-